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From: Rob Peterson [mailto:rpeterson@iuoe302.org]
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Subject: Please build the road

I would like to see the funding for the Lynn Canal Highway brought forward so that it is completed within five years. The state and travelers do not start saving money until the project is complete.

The Lynn Canal Highway could be financed by the costs it saves each year and that fact should be included in the early commentary.

I believe a separate category of what a project will cost or save the state in annual operating costs should be included in the STIP. If this were done it would easily demonstrate that this project pays for itself.

With the price of fuel and concerns raised about our "carbon footprint" and the fact that ferry service in Lynn Canal burns more fossil fuel than vehicles traveling the highway, I suggest a new category be added to the STIP estimating the increase or decrease in usage of fossil fuels.

No other project in the state will save as much state costs and user costs as the Lynn Canal Highway. I believe a separate category stating how much each project saves users and the state treasury should be added to the STIP so that the public has an accurate picture of annual maintenance costs.